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Cassis to Gov: The Buck Stops at Your Desk

State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, today made the following statement on the Senate floor:

“Over the weekend, our public relations governor was seen as whining at Republicans who were wining and dining at their leadership convention. Her message was regarding progress on putting Michiganians back to work.

“As an aside, why would she put down Mackinac Island where the governor’s mansion is? And what does she serve her guests on the front porch?

“Governor, how did you spend your summer?

“I personally spent about 35 hours with her key administration official, Treasurer Jay Rising, sipping coffee and soda, while the administration kept going backwards on improving Michigan’s business climate and reducing our high tax burden – filibustering on real reform and trying to find dollars through the tax code to spend spend, spend!

“Once again, I reflect – Gov. Granholm tries to divert, distort and deny her responsibility. Madam Governor, the buck stops at your desk.”

The remarks were in response to Granholm’s criticism of Republican lawmakers for meeting at Mackinac Island for their biannual leadership conference this weekend.

Cassis is the chair of the Senate Finance Committee and the designated Senate negotiator on tax reform. She has sponsored a two-bill tax package to improve Michigan’s business climate and a constitutional amendment to contain government spending by limiting it to the rate of inflation and population growth.

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